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Message from the State Librarian

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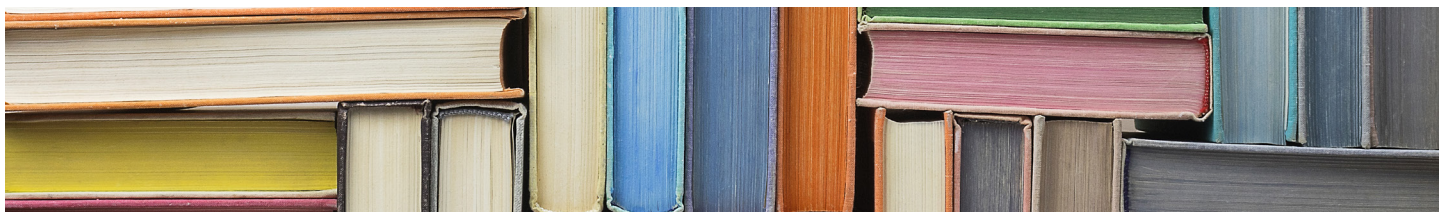


A recent *New York Times* article focuses on how libraries—"the most trusted civic institutions"—were prepared for the pandemic and subsequent shutdown far better than most organizations and private industries. Last month, I focused on how you

need to give yourself grace and recognize that the pandemic and resulting personal and professional isolation has brought with it grief. While I think it is important to recognize that those feelings are natural, I also think you need to celebrate that while the transition and adaptations to virtual and digital offerings were not always smooth, you did it and are still adapting every single day! The world outside your four walls thinks that you are just now balancing digital and physical collections. HA! Been there, done that for years now. The world outside your four walls thinks that curbside services is the Greatest Thing Since Sliced Bread (nod to Chillicothe, there) and that you whipped it out of your toolkit. They don't need to know that you had to adapt staff schedules, work up an elaborate quarantine schedule and figure out the logistics when "curbside" is in the back parking lot and not as effortless as Target makes it look.

I appreciate the article because it does focus on the resilience and adaptability of libraries and library staff. I do wish, though, that the article didn't just highlight public libraries in Denver, Dallas and New York City. Over 75% of the country's libraries serve a population of 25,000 people or less. Resilience and adaptability is everywhere, but it looks different in Stanberry where the Gentry County Library seamlessly (from an outsider's viewpoint) made sure that the county's children were fed over the summer, or in the Boonslick Regional Library area where the bookmobile travels to remote areas of the county to provide books AND internet connectivity. Don't get me wrong, these things are also happening in our biggest library systems in the state, and resilience and adaptability are critical to how you serve your patrons, but it is different in our rural and small libraries. So many times, it is only a handful of people wearing all the hats needed to keep the ship afloat.

More than anything, what COVID-19 has done for Missouri's libraries is bring us together. We were "prepared" because we rely on each other for advice, a shoulder and a whole lot of encouragement. It is about time our profession receives the recognition it should have been getting all along. Most importantly, though, we will all be better at serving our patrons because we've needed each other during this.



Missouri State Library News

2020 Public Library Survey

The 2020 Public Library survey is currently under way. Please remember that State Aid eligibility depends on completion of the Public Library Survey by Monday, Nov. 30. Webinars were held in August and September to go over the survey and discuss this year's changes. If you were unable to attend, you can view a recording of the webinar [here](#).

If you have any questions or need additional information on the survey please contact Cory Mihalik (cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov).

Here are some quick tips that may help you with the current year's survey:

- If your library has data in locked cells that has changed from the prior year, please send an email with the data field numbers and the current information to cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov and the fields will be updated for you.
- If you are reporting a Fiscal Year for which your library was not affected by the

COVID-19 pandemic, you will select "Not applicable to reporting period" from the dropdown menu for questions 10.01 – 10.10. You will also enter 0 in fields 2.25b and 2.25c for each of your reported outlets.

- If your reporting period did not include the COVID-19 pandemic, please keep records of branch closures, limited occupancy restrictions, and other service modifications outlined in questions 10.01 – 10.10, so that you can report this information on next year's survey.

If the COVID-19 pandemic interfered with your ability to gather required data, such as being unable to create traffic or reference question count estimates based on sample weeks, please contact cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov for information on how to report these numbers.

New Collection in Missouri Digital Heritage

A new collection from the Missouri State Archives is now available through Missouri Digital Heritage. The [Mark Schreiber Collection](#) includes nearly 5,800 photographs of Missouri's correctional facilities, inmates, staff and events. The bulk of the images (just over 2,000) concern the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) in Jefferson City. The MSP, which opened in 1836, was the oldest continually operating prison west of the Mississippi River until it closed in 2004.

You may notice that this collection and other collections in Missouri Digital Heritage directly

hosted by the Missouri State Library look a bit different. CONTENTdm, our digital collections platform, has been upgraded to the latest version. This version uses responsive web design, which means it is built for the latest web browsers and devices of all sizes, including phones and tablets.

Explore more Missouri history collections at <http://www.MissouriDigitalHeritage.com>. Institutions wishing to participate in Missouri Digital Heritage may contact mdh@sos.mo.gov.



Collaborative Summer Library Program 2022 Slogan and 2024 Theme

The CSLP annual meeting was held on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Voting was opened following the meeting for the 2022 slogan and the 2024 theme. The voting results were released on Sept. 23. The slogans, themes and artists for the years 2021 through 2024 are listed below.

- **2021 Summer Library Slogan:** Tails and Tales
The theme for all programs: Animals and Stories
Artist: Salina Yoon
- **2022 Summer Library Slogan:** Oceans of Possibility
The theme for all programs: Oceanography
Artist: Sophie Blackall



- **2023 Summer Library Slogan:** All Together Now
The theme for all programs: Friendship & Kindness
Artist: Frank Morrison
- **2024 Summer Library Slogan:** TBD
The theme for all programs: Adventure
Artist: Juana Martinez-Neal

Programming manuals for the 2021 Collaborative Summer Library Tails and Tales program will be accessible online. Access codes will be sent to library directors in the coming weeks.

CSLP Forming Artwork Committee for 2022

In an effort to be better and more culturally authentic, CSLP is forming a new Artwork Committee consisting of 8–12 members, both state representatives and frontline librarians, who can evaluate and offer thoughtful criticism of sketches. CSLP is looking for people to volunteer for the 2022 Artwork Committee. Committee members will be expected to look at sketches for program year 2022 (Oceanography,

Oceans of Possibility, artist Sophie Blackall) and evaluate them from a culturally authentic viewpoint and provide constructive criticism to ensure posters and spot art are inclusive and reflective of the diverse communities we serve. Applications to join the Committee are currently being accepted and can be found at [Artwork Committee Application](#).

Missouri State Library Webinar Archives

If you have been unable to attend our recent webinar series, or have one that you viewed in the past and would like to see again, have no fear! They are available 24/7 on our website. Webinars are organized by categories such as, administration, adult services, early literacy, library skills, new director boot camp, LSTA grant clips, public library survey, technology skill and

youth service and can be accessed at any time at: <https://mostatelibrary.watch.more.net/#/media/videos/category/578b2539-e15a-4ba0-bad4-b29b1a9861a3>.

For questions, please contact Merideth Johnson, merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-1822.

MOREnet News

Latest Category Two (C2) Budget Tools Webinar, Oct. 13 from 9 – 10 a.m.

This webinar will discuss frequently asked questions covering a range of topics related to Category Two e-rate funding, implementation and deadlines for schools and libraries. The most

recently available C2 budget tool will also be covered. Registration for this session is available at [Latest Category Two \(C2\) Budget Tools](#).

2020 MOREnet Virtual Conference, Nov. 16 - 18

Delivering content that provides new resources and innovative technology along with offering an outlet for members to network with peers have always been major drivers of the MOREnet Annual Conference. This year, MOREnet is providing a virtual conference that allows you to collaborate, learn, and share with your peers.

The event will be free to all members of the MOREnet consortium, and the agenda will be set up in a way that you can learn the entire day with us or join for just an hour or two. Learn more about and register for the conference at [2020 MOREnet Virtual Conference](#).

Mid-America Library Alliance News

Turning the Page: Successful Book Clubs in the Post-Pandemic Era, Oct. 14, 10 – 11 a.m.

Library services have been challenged since COVID-19, and book clubs have been especially hard hit. Book clubs have always helped readers share their experiences while expanding their minds by encountering new people and new viewpoints. Jenny Ellis, a longtime book club

moderator and enthusiast, will explore the many ways book clubs can adapt to change and still provide a quality experience for participants. Registration for this session is available at [MALA's Professional Development](#) page.

Taking Care of Your Staff (and Yourself) During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Oct. 21, 10 – 11 a.m.

Managers in libraries of all sizes find themselves overwhelmed with challenges from the COVID-19 crisis. How can planning occur when the future is so uncertain? How do you make good decisions in an environment of constant change? And most importantly, how can you look after the well-being of your staff and patrons when you are struggling to care for yourself? We are all navigating through

uncertain times created by the virus outbreak, the shutdown, and the aftermath. MLA Past President and Plaza Library Director April Roy tackles these tough questions and discusses the best strategies to help managers move forward with confidence and optimism. Registration for this session is available at [MALA's Professional Development](#) page.

Missouri Evergreen News

The Missouri Evergreen consortium formed in the summer of 2012 as a way to increase cost-effective resource sharing among Missouri public libraries. The 52 member libraries share an integrated library system based on the open source Evergreen software. This allows patrons and staff at member libraries to request books, DVDs, and some other materials from other member libraries.

On Sept. 17, the Brookfield Public Library started using the Missouri Evergreen catalog. The holdings of two other libraries, Neosho Newton County Library and Bowling Green Public Library, will be available on the Missouri Evergreen catalog later this year.

Funding is still available for two more libraries to migrate to Missouri Evergreen before June 30,

2021. If you are interested in learning more about Missouri Evergreen and the benefits of joining this public library consortium, contact Shannon Midyett, Missouri Evergreen board chair, at shannon@poplarbluff.org.

The Missouri State Library provides a federal grant opportunity supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the

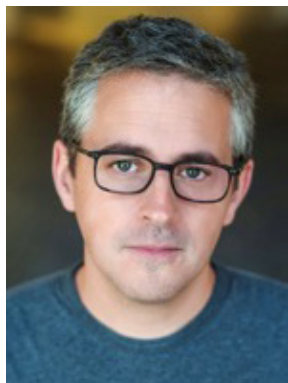
provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act for state-aid eligible public libraries to migrate their holdings to and receive training for using the Missouri Evergreen catalog. If you have questions about this grant, contact Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant, at janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov.

Wolfner Library Services Webinar, Oct. 27th at 10 a.m.

With more than 155,000 Missourians with visual disabilities and over 460,000 with physical disabilities, there are individuals in your community who would benefit from Wolfner Library services. Learn how your patrons may qualify for these free services, become shared patrons, and have materials delivered directly to their homes and devices. Learn

about the new offerings at Wolfner Library, including programming delivered via Zoom, prerecorded story times, and more! Presented by Adult Services Librarian Amy Nickless and Youth Services Librarian Lisa Hellman. Register here: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/8872965786541650946>.

Wolfner Book Club featuring Alex George Open to All Audiences



Wolfner Library is happy to welcome back author Alex George! Alex will be joining the book club discussion of his novel, *Setting Free the Kites*, on Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. The novel tells the coming of age story of two best friends, Robert and Nathan, as they struggle

with a tragedy that affected both of their families. Fast-paced and poignant, the novel will entice readers in.

If you are interested in joining the book club for this discussion, please call Wolfner Library at (800) 392-2614 or e-mail wolfner@sos.mo.gov. As this is a special event, this book club meeting is open to the general public.

From Virus to Victory—A Special Wolfner Library ZOOM Event



Join Wolfner Library for a very special ZOOM event featuring Michael Hingson, author of the #1 New

York Times Bestseller, *Thunder Dog* (DB073300, BR019434).

Amidst the challenges and uncertainties of today's pandemic, we can survive and thrive.

Michael Hingson, survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attack and bestselling author of *Thunder Dog*, shows how audiences can live and stay calm when confronted by unexpected changes in their lives.

This event will be held via Zoom on November 10 at 7:00 p.m. and will be recorded.

To register, call (800) 392-2614 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/michael-hingson-wolfner>.

This event is open to the general public.

New Books From The Missouri State Library

[Raising an Active Reader: The Case for Reading Aloud to Engage Elementary School Youngsters](#)

by Samantha Cleaver

[Participatory Literacy Practices for P-12](#)

[Classrooms in the Digital Age](#)

edited by Jessica S. Mitchell and Erin N. Vaughn

[Experiencing America's Story through Fiction:](#)

[Historical Novels for Grades 7-12](#) by Hilary Susan Crew

[Career Programming for Today's Teens:](#)

[Exploring Nontraditional and Vocational](#)

[Alternatives](#) by Amy Wyckoff and Marie Harris

[Coding as a Playground: Programming and](#)

[Computational Thinking in the Early Childhood](#)

[Classroom](#) by Marina Umaschi Bers

[53 Ready-to-Use Kawaii Craft Projects](#)

edited by Ellyssa Kroski

[The Holiday Handbook: 700+ Storytime Activities](#)

[from Arbor Day to Yom Kippur...from Diwali to](#)

[Kwanzaa to Ramadan](#) by Barbara A. Scott

[Getting Started in Service Design](#)

by Joe J. Marquez and Annie Downey

[The No-Nonsense Guide to Research Support](#)

[and Scholarly Communication](#) by Claire Sewell

[A Social Media Survival Guide: How to Use](#)

[the Most Popular Platforms and Protect Your](#)

[Privacy](#) by Melody Karle

[Creative Commons for Educators and Librarians](#)

by Creative Commons

[Emergency Preparedness for Libraries](#)

by Julie Todaro

We are pleased to offer direct borrowing from the Missouri State Library to Missouri public library directors and branch managers for continuing education and professional development.

State Library cards are issued in the name of the library director or branch manager. Directors and branch managers are encouraged to borrow items for any of their library's staff with this card by placing a request in our [catalog](#).

To sign up for a card, visit our [guide for Missouri public library directors](#). The guide also features new books, government publications, and other helpful resources.

For assistance with placing requests, obtaining a card, replacing a card, or for additional information, please contact Reference Services by phone, email, or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are always happy to help!

Phone: (573) 751-3615

Email: libref@sos.mo.gov

Chat: visit mostate.libguides.com and click the "Ask Us" tab on the right

Reference Services for YOU: Free Tools for Educators

Is your library supporting teachers, parents, and homeschoolers in finding free and accessible educational resources? Did you know there are many free learning tools available on government agency websites? Absolutely, if you know where to look! Most agencies offer free educational resources for all students in grades K-12. Explore some of these examples:

Available from Missouri State Agencies:

- [Secretary of State's Kids Page](#)

- [State Treasurer's Financial Literacy Portal](#)
- [Discover Missouri Courts](#)
- [Conservation XPLOR Kids magazine](#)
 - free subscriptions for all Missouri households!
- Find more resources in our [State Agency Databases](#) guide

Available from Federal Agencies:

- [NASA STEM Engagement](#)

- [Ben's Guide to the US Government](#)
- [Choose My Plate Kids' Place](#)
- [FEMA Ready Kids!](#)
- More federal resources are listed on our [Federal Government Information](#) guide.

Many other federal and state agencies offer similar websites and modules for online learners. We also have other free educational resources on our [COVID-19 guide](#). Looking for something

specific? Contact us! Reference Services is available by phone, email, or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are always happy to help.

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Grant Opportunities

[Author Visit Grant](#) • **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

This grant is specifically designed for school or public libraries to bring an author to their community. Virtual events are also applicable. Grants range from \$500 up to \$5,000. All travel for the author must be included as part of a flat rate fee for the author. Other additional costs allowable: publicity and promotional items, up to \$500 towards library materials for collection

development related to the project, additional staff hours, and transportation for youth from school or licensed child care. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. Questions? Contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, at lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 522-9564.

[Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Individual Training Events](#) • **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Interested in attending a professional development opportunity, but need additional funds? Show Me Steps to Continuing Education grants provide reimbursement for up to 75% of the costs of an eligible, non-credit continuing education event. These grants are supported by

IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about Show Me Steps grant opportunities, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.

[Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Group Training Events](#) • **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Do you want to bring an expert to your library for training? This is a competitive grant program that provides funds for a host library or library consortium to plan and provide group training(s) on current, relevant, unique and/or in-demand topics at a local, regional or statewide level. Grants range from \$500 up to \$8,000. Virtual events are

also applicable. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about this Show Me Steps grant opportunity, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.